

REMARKS**A. Status of Claims**

By the present amendment, claims 1 and 16-42 are cancelled. Claim 2 has been amended to be in independent form to include all the limitations of its base claim (now cancelled claim 1). Thus, claims 2-9, 10, and 12-15 remain pending.

B. Support for Claim Amendments/New Claims

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(b)(2), Applicant hereby identifies support for the amendments to original Claim 2 of the present reissue application, as set forth above, in the specification of the '847 patent:

Claim 2 as presently amended merely incorporates the recitations of its original base claim, claim 1. The incorporated language recites a ridge ventilation system comprising a plurality of ridge vent sections each having ends and longitudinal edges and configured to be arranged end-to-end so as to cover an open ridge of a roof, and with each ridge vent section having a laterally flexible central panel flanked by ventilation grids that extend along and are inboard of the longitudinal edges; and with a plurality of fasteners being located between the longitudinal edges of at least some of the ridge vent sections, the plurality of fasteners being removably secured to the ridge vent sections at a series of first locations and thereafter being removable by an installer for use along the ridge vent sections at selected locations that are different from the first locations for fastening the ridge vent sections to a roof. Support for Claim 1 as presently amended can be found in Claim 1 of the '847 patent as issued and in the specification at col. 7, line 57 – col. 8, line 40 and at Fig. 8.

No further claim amendments are made by this paper.

C. Claim Rejections

Claims 1, 16-26, and 28-42 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as purportedly being unpatentable over *Smith* (U.S. Patent No. 5,772,502) in view of *Sharp, et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,165,066), with the rejection asserting that these references, when considered together, purportedly teach all the elements recited by Claims 1, 16-24, 19, 21-26 and 28-42. These claims have now been cancelled.

D. Allowable Subject Matter

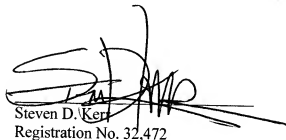
Claims 10 and 12-15 are allowed.

Claims 2-9 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are stated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. Claim 2 has been rewritten as directed. Claims 3-9 depend from amended claim 2. Accordingly, claims 2-9 are now allowable.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, all rejected claims are cancelled, allowance of claims 10 and 12-15 is acknowledged, and claims 2-9 are amended as directed in the office action such that they are now allowable. Accordingly, claims 2-9, 10, and 12-15 are in condition for allowance and an early notice of allowance is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions or if there remain any issues that can be resolved by the Examiner's amendment, she is invited and urged to telephone the undersigned attorney.

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